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Shortage of Essential Items in Armed Forces
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Armed Forces are facing acute shortage of essential items namely boots, balaclava, caps, carpets, canvas shoes and mosquito nets etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for purchasing the said items;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): The requirement and timelines of essential articles are worked out annually by the Armed Forces as part of Annual Provision Review to meet the shortages against the authorized quantities. The procurement of these essential items is a continuous process and is undertaken in accordance with Defence Procurement Manual, 2009.

The procurement of boots, balaclavas, canvas shoes and mosquito nets are done through Ordnance Factories / open tenders. The durries are procured through Association of Corporation and Apex Societies of Handloom (ACASH) / Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). To meet the emergent requirements, Armed Forces units have also been authorized to undertake local purchases.
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